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Las Conchas Fire Update – July 01, 2011

- Fire now determined to be largest in New Mexico history -- over 103,000 acres burned; still only 3% contained
- Threat to LANL property has lessened; chance of fire affecting lab is considered remote now
- One gas pipeline involved in fire area; pipeline blocked off; crews will investigate, but does not appear any release occurred
- Head of the NSA was briefed this morning on EPA efforts -- focused on ASPECT activities
- ASPECT finished scheduled runs for today; preliminary report reviewed by EPA and forwarded to NMED for posting to webpage
- ASPECT will fly final flights tomorrow, focusing on pueblo areas; Cochiti and Jemez Pueblos have given permission for ASPECT overflights
- State has approved plan for demobilizing ASPECT after flights tomorrow
- START personnel reduced by approximately 50% today as activities ramp down; prevention of redundancy with RERT activities
- Confirmed Region 6 paying RERT member's overtime and travel; RERT will cover regular salary hours
- Discussions ongoing with State, DOE on final sampling activities -- tentative plan is to remove samplers next Tuesday, collecting filters from Monday activities; EPA will demobe by Wednesday; this is consistent with DOE plan to stop sampling on 07/05.
- Los Alamos, White Rock, and LANL finalizing plans for repopulation
- State will issue press release on air quality -- already reviewed by EPA
- EPA working with NMED on minor changes to State webpage
- Staff participated on a Forest Service multi-agency / tribal conference call at 1700 yesterday to provide an update on EPA air sampling and ASPECT activities. Additionally, the New Mexico Environment Department website that is hosting EPA data was provided to the Forest Services fire email address - lasconchasfireinfo@gmail.com.
- R6 and RERT air sampling update was provided to the RTOC meeting being conducted in Tulsa, OK. In particular, tribal meeting participants were appreciative of air sampling efforts that are located on tribal locations / lands.

Faithfully yours
Steve

"Frequently, my thoughts get bored and walk down to my mouth. Often, this is a bad thing."

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